(a) whether it is a fact that development plan in respect of capacity building, infrastructure development, augmentation of staff strength in Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi (Jharkhand) is pending with Government; and

(b) if so, by when Government would implement them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The redevelopment of Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Rachni over a period of four years at a cost of Rs.100.00 crore comprising of Manpower Development, Capital Work/Infrastructure Development and Equipments has been approved in August 2008.

Post of Chief Physiotherapist with DGHS

2841. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether post of Chief Physiotherapist at Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has not been created despite the fact that the Fifth Central Pay Commission had recommended for the same;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the said post is likely to be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) to (c) Posts are created at Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) based on functional requirements. Since no proposal has been received from Hospital Authorities, the post of Chief Physiotherapist has not been created.

Anaemic women

2842. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of Indian women are anaemic;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to formulate an action plan to check this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-III) (2005-06), percentage of women aged 15-49 years with any anaemia in India is 55.3%.

The Government of India is implementing the Reproductive and Child Health Programme Phase-II under the National Rural Health Mission. Prophylaxis and treatment of nutritional anaemia among pregnant and lactating women is an important intervention under this programme. Pregnant women are screened for anaemia during the Ante Natal checkups. All pregnant and lactating women are provided iron and folic acid tablets during their ante-natal visits through the existing network of sub-centers and primary health centers. Every pregnant woman is given 100 tablets of 100 mg of elemental iron and 0.5 mg of folic acid for at least 100 days for prevention of anaemia. Pregnant women who are found to be clinically anaemic are given an additional 100 tablets.

Awareness generation on consumption of nutritious food is being done through the Village Health and Nutrition Days.

Death during clinical trial of drugs

2843. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a death was reported during clinical trial of a vaccine manufactured by an MNC;

(b) if so, what is the name of the company and the drug; and

(c) what action is being taken against the company and the sponsors of the trial?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) Yes. There was report of serious adverse event regarding death of a subject involved in a clinical trial of 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine being developed by M/s Wyeth Pharmaceuticals at one of the sites in the country.

(c) A team was constituted to investigate the matter. The team conducted the inspection on 13th December and 14th December, 2008. The Inspection revealed various Good Clinical Practices (GCP) violations. Therefore, the concerned investigator, sponsor and monitor were issued warning letters asking corrective action to be taken by them to prevent such violation in future. The clinical trial remained suspended at all the twelve sites from 06-11-2008 to 22-04-2009. The sponsor submitted various corrective actions taken to ensure GCP compliance. Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) scruitinized the same and decided to revoke the suspension on 23.04.2009 from all the sites except the inspected site. Further, monitor and investigator of the inspected site also submitted details of corrective action taken by them, based on which the suspension from the inspected site was also revoked on 02.06.2009.

Infant mortality

2844. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 20 per cent of the world's child deaths occur in India, 20 lakhs children die before reaching their fifth birthday, one in three malnourished children in the world lives in India, around 46 percent of Indian children under three years are underweight and India's record on newborn (72 per 1000 live birth); and the child mortality fare worse than Bangladesh and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to prevent the same by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) As per the UNICEF State of World Children 2009 report India contributes 20% of the global burden of child deaths with 20 lakh children dying in India every year. As per this report, one in three malnourished children in the world lives in India and around